

# **CITY OF LEWISTON**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 11, 1997**

## **SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 2:30 P.M.**

THE HONORABLE JOHN T. JENKINS, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, and City Clerk Gerald P. Berube.

ABSENT: Councilors Gray and Albert.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

This special meeting was called in reference to the placement of convicted kidnapper Norm Dickinson at 170 Pine Street following his release from Cumberland County jail.

The Mayor advised those present that the City was doing all it could to advise the court that this was a very highly populated area within a one and one-half block from a school. He expressed the City's concern not only for the safety of the residents of the area but for Mr. Dickinson's safety as well.

Mr. Robert Couturier, who has a law practice in this area spoke of the large number of elderly who will fear to leave their homes and suggested that the City contact the Lewiston Legislative Delegation and request that they work closely with the various state departments who will be responsible following Mr. Dickinson's release.

A large number of citizens, many with young children, who live either in the same building or in the neighborhood, expressed concern for their safety and the safety of their children.

One resident of the area advised the Council that he had been told that some residents of the area were purchasing weapons to protect themselves.

The Mayor & Members of the City Council assured those present that the City will do all in its power to protect the safety of its citizens and the following action was taken.

**VOTE (1)**

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the municipal officers of the City of Lewiston strongly oppose the placement of convicted kidnapper Norm Dickinson in Lewiston, Maine, because the court which approved this placement had not had an opportunity to hear from the City of Lewiston and the citizens of Lewiston, and we believe that it did not have in front of it the particular circumstances of this placement, such as that this kidnapper is being placed one and one-half blocks from a school in a densely-populated family neighborhood.

Passed - vote 5-0

**VOTE (2)**

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the municipal officers of the City of Lewiston do hereby authorize the City Administrator to take whatever steps are appropriate to challenge the ill-conceived placement of convicted kidnapper Norm Dickinson at 170 Pine Street, including the hiring of Stephen Wade, Esquire, as the City's attorney in this matter. Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (3)**

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adjourn at 3:18 P.M. Passed - Vote 5-0

A true record, Attest:

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Gerald P. Berube, CMC  
City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine